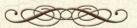
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Census Records Nation's Progress



April 27, 1940 Issue of The Saturday Evening Post, Norman Rockwell.

- Conducted every 10 years
- Data used to reapportion congressional seats to states and affect distribution of federal funding

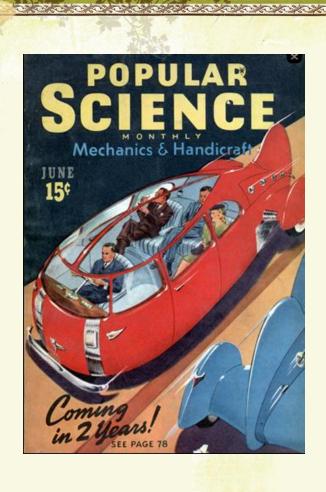
Technological Advances



An automatic electric card punch machine, 1910.

1890 - Adapted Herman Hollerith's punch card and electronic tabulation technology.

1950-UNIVAC I, the first modern computer installed by civilian government agency.



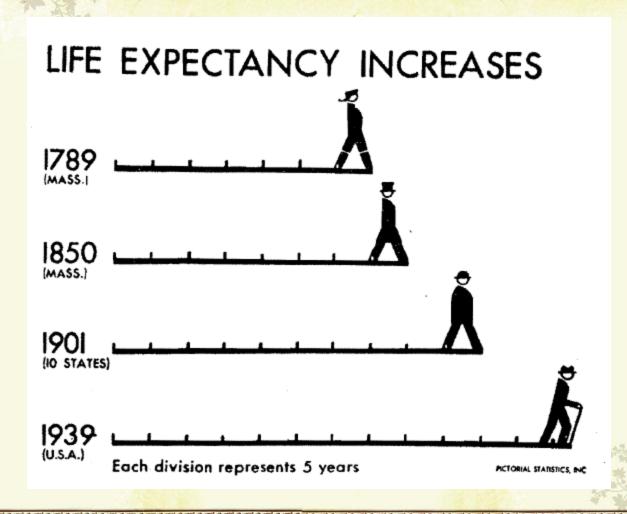


1940 Population Census



- •Will be released April 2, 2012
 - o 72 year rule
- Available electronically

The 1940 Census – Introduction, National Archives.



1940 Census Records

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SIXTEENTH CENSUS OF THE UNITED STATES: 1940

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POPULATION SCHEDULE

| RESIDENCE, APRIL 1, 1935 | | | | | | PERSONS 14 YEARS OLD AND OVER-EMPLOYMENT STATUS | | | | | | | | | | | |
|---|--------|--|---------------------------|-----------------------|--|--|---|--|--|-----------------|--|--|---|---|-----------------|--------|--|
| IN WHAT PLACE DID THIS PERSON LIVE ON APRIL 1, 1955! For a person who, on April 1, 1955, was living in the same house as all present, exter in Col. 17 "Same house" and for one living in a different house but in the same city or twn, enter, "Same phoo," leaving Cols. 15, 15, and 25 blank, is both instances. For a person who lived is a different place, enter city or lown, county, and State, as directed in the Instructions. (Enter actual place of residence, which may differ from mail address.) | | | | | | | If neither at work mer assigned to public emer- gency work. ('No' in Cels. 21 and 22) | | For persons answering "No" to quest. 21, 22, 23, and 24 | | If at private or nonemer- gency Gov- ernment work. ("Yes" in Col. 21) | If seeking work or ar- signed to public emergency work. ("Yes" in Col.22 or 11) | OCCUPATION, INDUSTRY, AND CLASS OF WORKER For a person of work, sealinged to public emergency work, or with a joi co. 21, 12, or 81, or | | | | |
| City, town, or village having 2,500 or more inhabitants. Enter "R" for all other places. | COUNTY | STATE (or Territory or foreign country) | On a farm! (You er No) | CODE Cleave blank) | Was this person AT profit in private Gest, work during 24-391 (You or N | if not, was he at wer to, public EMER (WPA, NYA, COC, of March 24-207 (| Was this person SEEKING WORK (Yes or No.) | If not neeking wer dist he HAVEA 10 business, etc.? (7 or No) | Indicate whether engaged in her housework (B), school (S), unable (B). | CODE other (0t) | Number of hours worked during week of March \$4-30, 1940 | Duration of un- om ployment up to March 30, 1940-in weeks | OCCUPATION Trade, profession, or particu- lar kind of work, as— frame apinner faborer rivet heater music teacher | INDUSTRY Industry or business, as— cotton mill retail grocery farm ahipyard public school | Class of worker | (Leave | |
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1940 Census

Here Is A Day's Work For Census Man



JOYFUL FAMILY.—How would you like the job of getting the general data on this family? Census officials are seriously considering Dayls, 19; Mrs. Hagler, 47, Mr. Hagler, 48, M

- First "modern census"
- Statistical techniques/probability sampling
- Sampling allowed for supplemental questions of 5% of population

Charlotte Observer, March 28, 1940.

What can we learn?

- How the Great Depression affected one's family
 - **Employment Status**
 - Income
 - Migration
- Key Data on 1940 Census
 - Residence/Migration
 - Education
 - Occupation, Employment and Income
 - Immigration/Ethnicity

First of Nose-Counters To Fire Questions Today

Census Day Arrives with Sen-ate Not Acting on Income Query Resolution

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Washington, April 1.—(A)—With lob of preparing for the most

News and Observer, April 1, 1940.

The Usual Questions

- •Address, how many in household?
- •Own or Rent?
- Value of Home or Monthly Rent?
- Residence on a Farm?
- Name, Relationship to Head of Household, Gender, etc...
- •School?
- •Place of Birth, Citizenship?
- Present Occupation and Industry



Census Taker at race track, Pinehurst, NC, 1940. Tufts Archives, Given Memorial Library.

New to 1940

- Where did you live April 1, 1935?
- Foreign born?
- Extensive employment information
- Education



News and Observer, April 1, 1940.

Supplementary Questions



- •Asked most frequently of people falling on lines 14 and 29
- Supplementary questions included
 - Parents' place of birth
 - Mother tongue
 - Veterans status
 - Social Security information
 - Usual occupation and industry
 - Age at first marriage
 - Number of children ever born

Charlotte Observer, March 22, 1940.

1940 Enumeration

THE NEWS AND OBSERVER

Census Training School For Wake County Draws 200 Hopefuls



Census in Wake

News and Observer, March 30, 1940

- Census Day was April 1, 1940
- 123,069 enumerators took the Census
- Total Cost (in nominal dollars) \$67.5 million
- Total Cost (in 2010 dollars)
 \$1.05 billion
- All people were asked 34 questions
- US Resident Population: 132.2 million
 - NC Population: 3.5 million



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AGE? INCOME? MORTGAGE? TOILET? BATHTUB? RADIO?

Anybody who cares to can find out that Mrs. Joseph A. Aufschleger (left) lives on a 5-acre farm three miles from South Bend, Ind., that she has a husband and three daughters, that her husband works in the Studebaker plant. But not unless he were a Federal census-taker could a stranger or neighbor safely walk up on her back porch and, after politely laying his hat on the floor, ask her how old she is, how far she got in school, how much the members of her family earn at their jobs, whether or not any of them gets more than \$50 a year from any other source, how much her house is worth, whether there is a mortgage on it and if so how much, whether she has a toilet, a bathtub, a radio. When the quixzer got through with her in a preliminary test census conducted in two Indiana counties last summer, he knew all this, and much more, about Mrs. Aufschleger and her family. If she had refused to answer any of his questions, she could have been put in jail for 60 days and fined \$100.

On April 1 an army of some 120,000 census-takers will march forth to ring doorbells and ask these and other questions about every home and human in the land. Though the census has been taken every tenyears since 1790, last week it was front-page news. In the Senate, in letters-to-the-editors and letters-to-Congressmen rose a chorus of outraged squawksled by Republican Senator Charles W. Tobey of New Hampshire-against "bureaucratic snooping" represented by some of the 1940 questions, particularly those about income and mortgages. Indignant clubwomen threatened to overflow the jails, and the New York Legislature petitioned Congress to withdraw the questions. Sniffed President Roosevelt: "Politics!"



fact that consus-takers will be punished if they tattle.





"Is your hashand employed? at not, to be on reduct?" "How old are you!" Lowise Berghard (left) and Ev-elys Melicipescod South Bend's Epwarth Hogital.

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"How for did you get in athes?" Fuel G. Hofrens, precident of the Stadelniker Corp., spent one your at the University of Change.



ONLY ONE PERSON IN 50 BALKED AT

The purpose of the test census in Indiana's St. Joseph and Marshall constiles had summer, during which these pictures were taken, was to see whether any of the new questions proposed for the 1948 crass new too difficult or too objectionable for others to answer. It is a significant comment on the current Republicanded rebellion against comes "supepery" that only about one Indiana estimes in 50 objected at all to asserting any of the questions, and those were brought around by a little personsive explanation. Nobody went to jul. (Noholy within memory has ever gone to jail for relating to answer a



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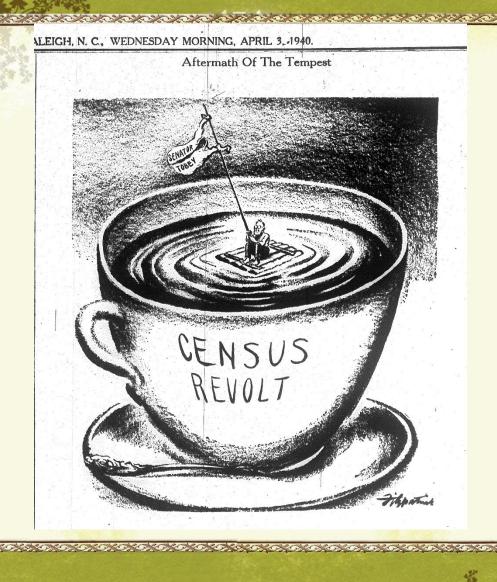
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1940 Census Effects and Facts

- •US population = 132,164,569
- •NC population = 3,571,623
 - 1,798,633 females
 - 1,772,990 males
- •NC, gained 1 rep
- •5 most populated counties:
 - Guilford, Mecklenburg, Forsyth, Wake & Buncombe
 - Camden, Tyrrell, Dare, Clay and Graham
- •820,888 total dwelling units in NC
 - 569,857 no shower or bath
 - 316,506 running water inside



News and Observer, April 1, 1940.



What can you do to prepare?



THAT CENSUS MAN GETS AROUND—Farmer Steven Olish of Hampstead, L. I., interrupts his spring plowing to answer the questioning census taker. With co-operation Farmer Olish can answer the forms and be back to his plowing in 20 minutes.

- •Make a list of all the people you want to look for in the 1940 Census
- Collect address for them:
 - from city directories
 - 1930 Census if they didn't move
 - World War II Draft Records
 - Naturalization Petitions or Declarations of Intent filed close to 1940
- •Identify the enumeration district (ED) in which each address was located

Charlotte Observer, April 7, 1940.

Finding Enumeration Districts: Census Maps

- Search the 1940 Census Maps for Enumeration District Numbers
- Go to the Online Public Access search (OPA): http://www.archives.gov/research/search
- Enter 1940 Census maps + the county + the state:
 - 1940 Census maps + Wake + North Carolina
 - Narrow search: 1940 Census maps Wake Raleigh North Carolina

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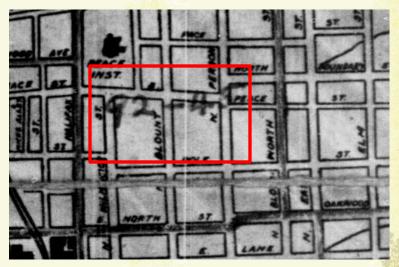
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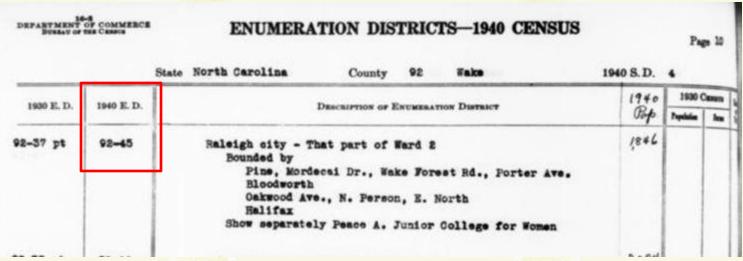


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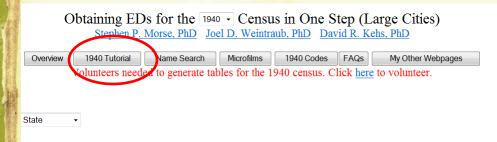
ED 92-45 – first number is county and second number the number of the enumeration district

Finding Enumeration Districts: ED Descriptions



- Search the 1940 Census Enumeration District Descriptions
- Go to http://www.archives.gov/research/search
- 1940 Census enumeration district descriptions + the county + the state:
- Also available on microfilm at the GHL

Finding Enumeration Districts: http://stevemorse.org/census



Only 44 days 21 hours 12 minutes 'til 1940 Census

We offer three utilities to compute EDs for 1940 addresses. These utilities are described below. To determine which utility is best for your circumstances, take a look at this tutorial quiz.

The first is this ED Finder utility in which you will be able to compute the ED from the 1940 address in major cities directly. All cities having at least 50,000 or more in 1940, and many smaller ones as well, are on this website. A number of volunteers helped with this work.

The second is a separate 1930/1940 ED Converter utility that will allow you to convert a 1930 ED to a 1940 ED. So you first need to find the 1930 ED using this ED Finder utility with the year on top set to 1930, or using the ED Description utility for 1930. Once you have it narrowed down to a single ED, you will see a button labelled "1940 ED". Clicking that button will take you to the 1930/1940 ED Converter utility with the 1930 ED prefilled for you.

The third is the <u>ED Description utility for 1940</u> which should have ED descriptions for all rural areas, and urban areas of under 50,000.

For more information about the 1940 census and what the National Archives is planning, see their discussion of 1940 Census Records.

- 1940 Tutorial
- ED Finder utility
- 1930/1940 ED Converter
- ED Description for 1940



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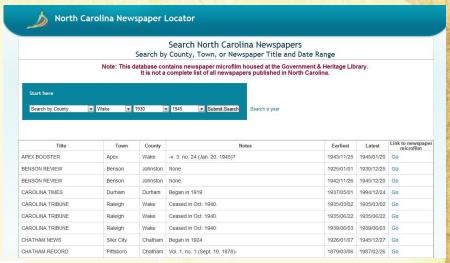
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http://www.1940census.archives.gov/

Resources at the GHL

 Online catalog: <u>http://catalog.ncdcr.gov</u>

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- North Carolina newspapers
 - North Carolina Newspaper Locator: http://cinch.nclive.org/newspaper

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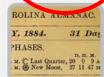


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North Carolina Family Records Online

A Project of the State Library and State Archives of North Carolina

About Entire Collection Browse by Family Name Browse by Location Search Collection



What can you find here?

Bible Records (lists of birth, marriage, and death information recorded in North Carolina Bibles throughout the 18th, 19th, and 20th centuries), marriage and death notices from North Carolina newspapers, books on North Carolina families, cemetery photographs, and more from North Carolina's genealogical past.

Search for your family.



What else can you do?

Take a minute and transcribe an online document for us. Donate your family's Bible records. (pdf) Invite us to speak to your group. Get automatic updates when we add records.



New Additions!

December 2011:

Government & Heritage Library's genealogy vertical files (Absher-Avery) Over 30 genealogy related books and journals State Archives North Carolina County Cemetery Survey Records (A-Z)

Look for more of all of these resources soon!

Newspaper Archive



1940 Census Related Resources

Government and Heritage Library's blog posts about the Census http://statelibrarync.org/news/tag/1940-census/

Census Descriptions of Geographic Subdivisions and Enumeration Districts, 1830-1950. 1940 Census is available on microfilm in the Genealogical Services Research Room at the Government and Heritage Library.

Census Bureau's Interactive 1940 Census Web Page http://www.census.gov/1940census/

1940 Census Frequently Asked Questions Answered by the National Archives http://www.archives.gov/research/census/1940/faqs.html

NARAtions, the National Archives' blog posts about the Census http://blogs.archives.gov/online-public-access/?cat=163

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